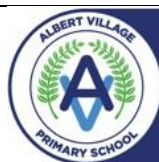


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Diamond Class Newsletter, Spring 1



Welcome to Diamond class in Spring Term 1. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. This term includes the days starting to get brighter as we enjoy all of the first signs of Spring. We are looking forward to having an exciting time with you all!

Miss Armston

Keep in contact

As you will be aware, we will no longer be using Class Dojo for messages and stories. Instead, we will be sending out important messages via the **Arbor Parent App** – please make sure you have downloaded the app and enabled push notifications on your device. If you have a message that needs delivering urgently, please contact the school office. I will continue to award Dojo points for positive behaviour, but these will no longer be visible to parents/carers (so keep an eye out for milestone certificates coming home for 50, 100, 150 and 200 points!)

Home learning

There is no formal homework in Year 1. However, we do expect children to:

- **Read regularly** each week (at least 3 times per week, but daily if possible), and record it in their reading diaries.
- **Practise the spellings** that are sent home every Friday (these are based on phonics sounds that we have covered so far in Year 1 and should act as revision. The sounds being tested should not be new learning to the children).
- Now that they are getting a bit older, we also encourage children to **practise simple life skills** such as tying their shoe-laces and zipping up their own coat.

Reminders

The school doors open at 8:45am each morning. We do start learning immediately on getting into school, so please try to arrive as close to 8:45am as possible. Similarly, the school day ends at 3:15pm, so please try to be prompt for collection at the end of the day.

Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform every day, or school PE kit on their PE days. They should wear either their school jumper, cardigan, or a plain black or navy hoodie over their PE kits. On PE days, PE kits need to be worn to

school, rather than being brought in a kit bag, as there is not an opportunity to get changed during the school day. **Please make sure ALL of their clothing and belongings are clearly named.**

Please send your child with a water bottle, reading pack and a coat every day.

The children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit every day. As such, we do not allow them to bring their own snacks for break time. If your child would also like milk at break time, this will need to be signed up and paid for through the school's milk scheme.

Days and dates

Our class PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this half term. Please send children to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Tuesday 7th January: Fire Safety Visitor

Friday 14th February: Teacher Training Day (school closed to students)

25th & 27th February (first week back after half term): Parents' Evenings

Our learning this half term

English – We will be starting a new class text this half term, focussing on *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. This will inspire our work in English and act as a model text for our writing.

Maths – We will be focussing on place value and addition & subtraction within 20 this half term. Children have become familiar with numbers up to 10, so we will now progress up to 20.

PE – We will be doing Dance and Invasion Games this half term and we will be having a PE coach for one of these sessions each week.

History – We will finish off our topic about Changes in Recent Memory.

DT – Our DT topic this half term will involve us investigating and making puppets!

Science – We will learn about Everyday Materials in science this half term.

PSHE – We will look at 'Keeping Safe'. Support at home:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/keeping-myself-safe>

RE – We will be thinking about the question 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?'

Computing – We will be using BeeBots to investigate programming.